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1. SUMMARY. OFFICIAL ROMANIAN SOURCES HAVE ISSUED NO AUTHORITATIVE UPDATE ON LOSS OF LIFE, BUT OUR INVESTIGATION REVEAL THAT TOLL IS MOUNTING. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ON FOOD, TRANSPORTATION SCENE. SURVEY OF HOSPITALS SHOWS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. SPARSE DETAILS ON OTHER AREAS INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL HOUSING LOSSES. OFFERS OF AID HAVE BEEN MADE BY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BUT NUMBERICALLY LARGER GROUPS APPEAR TO BE WAITING FOR ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO MAKE REQUEST OF THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. CASUALTIES.
DEPUTY MINISTER CALOMFIRESCU INFORMED SCIATT IN PRIVATE MEETING THAT BUCHAREST CASUALTY FIGURE STOOD THIS MORNING AT 800 KILLED AND 6400 INJURED. TOTAL GIVEN BY CALOMFIRESCU FOR IN-
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JURIES IN REST OF COUNTRY WAS 1000. THESE FIGURES ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE GIVEN LAST NIGHT (632 KILLED; 5,800 INJURED) BY AGERPRESS REPRESENTATIVE WHO LATER INSISTED HIS INFORMATION HAD BEEN INCORRECT. FIGURES ALSO TALLY WITH BODY COUNT CONDUCTED BY EMBASSY EMPLOYEE AT MORGUE YESTERDAY WHICH THEN HELD 613 VICTIMS.

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3. HOUSING LOSSES.
SAME WITHDRAWN AGERPRESS REPORT ALSO LISTED 12,073 HOMES AND OTHER BUILDINGS PARTIALLY OR TOTALLY DESTROYED AS OF MID-AFTERNOON YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO THIS SAME REPORT OVER 14,000 FAMILIES WERE REPORTED HOMELESS AS RESULT. OF THIS TOTAL SOME TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION HAD BEEN FOUND FOR 12,200 FAMILIES. FOUR HUNDRED TEAMS OF EXPERTS HAVE BEEN FORMED TO EVALUATE SAFETY OF DAMAGED STRUCTURES, AS RESULT OF WHICH NUMBER OF CONDEMNED BUILDINGS HAS BEEN RISING HOURLY.

4. OTHE CITIES.
FRAGMENTARY REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON FOLLOWING LOCALITIES:
--CRAIOVEEC PRESENT CEAUSESCU DECLARED AFTER HIS TOUR THAT OLD AREA OF TOWN WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED
--SIMNICEA: 170 HOUSES DESTROYED, 500 DAMAGED, 4,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS
--TURNU MARGURELE: 600 UNITS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED
--DOLJ JUDET: 8,300 HOMES TOTALY OR PARTIALLY DESTROYED.
--ALEXANDRIA: 230 HOMES DESTROYED.
--TELEORMAN JUDET: 2784 HOMELESS
WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS OF SEVERE DAMAGE TO COMMUNITIES NEAR BULGARIAN BORDER.

5. DAMAGE TO VITA STRUCTURES
CALOMFIRESCU INDICATED THAT ABOUT ONE-QUARTER (3,000) OF ALL BUCHAREST HOSPITAL BEDS ARE OUT OF SERVICE. THREE MAJOR HOSPITALS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED: EMERGENCY, TRAUMATOLOGY AND ORTHOPEDIC. ALL HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATIONS ARE REPORTED FUNCTIONING ALTHOUGH SOME INSTRUMENTATION AT SMALLER DAMS HAS BEEN AFFECTED.
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MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY INFORMS US ALSO THAT TWO OF BUCHAREST POWER STATIONS (WEST AND SOUTH) HAVE SERIOUS DAMAGE, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT LOSS AT GROZAVESTI IS OF LESSER MAGNITUDE.
NORTH STATION APPEARED TO BE HANDLING ONLY 10 OF NORMAL 40-PLUS DAILY TRAINS TODAY, WITH ADDITIONAL TEN ROUTED THROUGH OBOR. BUS SERVICE BEING EMPLOYED TO COMPENSATE FOR REDUCED TRAIN SERVICE ON ROUTES TO GALATI, BRAILA, BUZAU, CONSTANTA, CRAIOVA, FOCSANI, TIRGOVISTE, AND PLOIESTI. AT LEAST ONE GOVERN-MENT MINISTRY BUILDING (MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY) HAS BEEN EVACUATED.

6. UTILITTIES/FOOD
RADIO BUCHAREST ANNOUNCED IN MID-MORNING THAT WATER SUPPLY WOULD BE LIMITED TO THREE PERIODS OF TWO HOURS EACH IN MORNING, AFTERNOON, AND EVENING. WHILE THEORETICALLY SHUT OFF, GAS REMAINS ON IN CERTAIN EMBASSY HOUSING. DESPITE LOSSES, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED NO RECENT INTERRUPTIONS IN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY.
SMALL SAMPLING OF STORES TODAY SUGGESTS THAT FOOD AVAILABLE IN LESS AMPLE QUANTITIES.

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7. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE.
WE HAVE MADE EXTENSIVE CANVAS OF LOCAL EMBASSIES AND UN OFFICE, WHICH SHOWS SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DONORS BUT EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AWAITING FORMAL ROMANIAN REQUEST. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY:

A. UNDRO. UNDP REP HAS MADE INITIAL OFFER OF DOLS 20,000 TO COVER COST OF SOME OF ITEMS ON GOR'S MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES LIST. ROMANIANS HAVE ALSO MENTIONED NEED FOR STRUCTURAL TESTING EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN CONSTRUCTION.

B. GREECE. AN INITIAL OFFER OF DOLS 300,000 IN SUPPLIES HAS BEEN MADE WITHOUT ROMANIAN RESPONSE. REPORTEDLY TWO C-130'S ARE FULLY LOADED AND PREPARED TO DEPART FROM ATHENS.

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C.SWEDEN. NEITHER SWEDISH OFFER NOR ROMANIAN REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE,BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY MATCH ITS KRONER 1 MILLION GIFT FOLLOWING 1975 FLOODS.

D. AUSTRIA. AUSTRIAN RED CROSS SENT LANE TO BUCHAREST ON SATURDAY CARRYING UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF BLOOD PLASMA AND MEDICINES. CARITAS ALSO COLLECTING FUNDS. FURTHER GOVERNMENT DONATION WILL AWAIT ROMANIAN REQUEST.

E. USSR. NO ROMANIAN REQUEST; NO USSR OFFER. EMBASSY STATES THAT EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION OF CREDITS AND OTHER REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS.

F. TURKEY. AWAITING ROMANIAN REQUEST.

G. BULGARIA. AIRPLANE TO ARRIVE TODAY CARRYING 13 TONS OF MEDICINES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, CLOTHING AND COTS. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN MOBILIZED AT RUSE AWAITING ROMANIAN REQUEST.

H. NETHERLANDS. NO ROMANIAN REQUEST; NO SPECIFIC DUTCH OFFER.

I. SPAIN. NO ROMANIAN REQUEST; NO SPECIFIC SPANISH OFFER.

J. EGYPT. NO OFFER; NO REQUEST

K. LIBYA. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN, LIBYANS HAVE NO AID PLANS

L. SWITZERLAND. IN ADDITION TO TRAINED DOG TEAMS, SWISS PREPARED TO OTHER AID WHEN THEY RECEIVE FORMAL REQUEST.

M. ARAB LEAGUE/OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES. EGYPTIAN KNOW OF NO PLANS.

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N. WARSAW PACT. RUSSIANS STATE THAT MEMBERS ARE NOT PLANNING
TO OFFER ANYTHING AS GROUP.

O. RED CROSS. GERMANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT REPRESENTATIVE
OF GERMAN RED CROSS HAD APPOINTMENT THIS MORNING TO SEE ROMANIAN
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COUNTERPART, BUT RESULTS OF THAT MEETING ARE UNKNOWN. GREEK,
TURKISH AND BELGIAN RED CROSS UNITS ARE UNDERSTOOD BY GERMANS
TO BE GATHERING SUPPLIES.

P. POLAND. POLES HAVE MADE GENERAL OFFER OF ASSISTANCE BUT
HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ROMANIAN RESPONSE.

Q. YUGOSLAVIA. NO YUGOSLAV OFFER HAS BEEN EXTENDED IN RESPONSE
TO RECEPT OF MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS LIST.

4. IRAN. NO ROMANIAN REQUEST; NO IRANIAN OFFER.

S. JAPAN. EMBASSY HAS QUERIED TOKYO AS TO WHAT TYPE OF ASSISTANCE
GOJ MIGHT FURNISH BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE.

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